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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF RHODESIAN MISSION IN LISBON

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 308

1. NOTICIAS OF MARCH 19 CARRIED NEWS, BASED ON REUTERS ITEM,  
THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAD DEMANDED THAT RHODESIA CLOSE  
ITS "DIPLOMATIC MISSION" IN LISBON IN PROTEST AGAINST  
RHODESIAN TRICKERY IN RECAPTURING KENNETH MCINTOSH. REPORT  
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ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE SAID RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES

WHO PURSUED MC INTOSH HAD HOODWINKED THE FRONTIER GUARDS STATING THAT MCINTOSH WAS A CRIMINAL WITH LONG RECORD OF CRIMES. ITEM ALSO REPORTED THAT THE PORTUGUESE CONSUL GENERAL AT SALISBURY HAD BEEN PERMANENTLY WITHDRAWN AND QUOTED OFFICIAL RHODESIAN SPOKESMAN IN SALISBURY AS SAYING THAT RHODESIAN MISSION IN LISBON WOULD BE WITHDRAWN APRIL 30.

2. ITEM STATED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE DEMAND WAS PRESENTED TO RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES DURING FIRST WEEK OF MARCH. IT CONTINUED THAT THE CLOSING OF THE RHODESIAN MISSION IN LISBON WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT BLOW TO THE SMITH REGIME SINCE MISSION WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN RHODESIAN SANCTIONS BUSTING AND WAS ALSO A SOURCE OF INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE FOR RHODESIA.

3. COMMENT: BRITISH CONGEN DUNCAN TOLD ME THAT RECAPTURE OF MCINTOSH ON RHODESIAN BORDER WAS INDEED DUE TO DUPING OF BOTH LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR AND FRELIMO BY RHODESIANS WHO SHOWED THEM LONG LIST OF CRIMES FOR WHICH MCINTOSH HAD IN FACT BEEN CONVICTED (FRAUD, ETC.) BUT WHICH OMITTED CHARGE OF ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE REGARDING SANCTIONS BUSTING. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PORTUGUESE CONGEN IN SALISBURY HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN, PORTUGUESE HAD KEPT CONSULAR OFFICE THERE OPEN TO TAKE CARE OF MANY PORTUGUESE RESIDENT IN RHODESIA. DUNCAN SAID LAXITY AND FREE MOVEMENT ACROSS RHODESIAN BORDER IN BILA DO MANICA-UMTALI AREA HAD CONTINUED EVEN AFTER MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TAKE-OVER. HE THOUGHT AS RESULT OF MCINTOSH AFFAIR BORDER CONTROL ON MOZAMBIQUE SIDE WOULD BE SEVERELY TIGHTENED. ASIDE FROM OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT FROM RHODESIAN CONGEN HERE INDICATING LISBON ACTION WOULD NOT AFFECT RHODESIAN REPRESENTATION IN MOZAMBIQUE, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHAT PORTUGUESE OR MTG INTEND TO DO ABOUT RHODESIAN CONSULATE GENERAL HERE. WALKER

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